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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, ANZUS, NZ  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WITH NEW ZEALAND

1. DURING MY CONSULATIONS IN WASHINGTON THIS PAST SPRING, TWO  
NAVAL OFFICERS FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS VISITED  
WELLINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR COUNTER PARTS IN THE GNZ MINISTRY

A STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THERE  
ARE LOOSE ENDS NOT COVERED BY THE EXISTING DEEPFREEZE AGREEMENTS,  
PRIMARILY CONCERNING US AND NZ MILITARY FORCES VISITING, EXERCISING  
AND TRAINING IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY.

2. THE THRUST OF THEIR DISCUSSION WAS REPORTED IN A TELEGRAM FROM  
USSSO CANBERRA AS 290441Z JUN 76 SENT TO NAVY JAG, WASHINGTON.  
YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IT. IF NOT, YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK MORT ABRAMOWITZ,  
ISA, FOR IT. SUBSEQUENTLY, ADMIRAL GAYLER TELEGRAPHED ME  
SUGGESTING THE "TIMELY CONCLUSION OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SOFA  
ARRANGEMENT."

3. I HAVETODAY, THROUGH SEPTEL ON WHICH YOU ARE ALSO  
ADDRESSEE, ADVISED ADMIRAL WEISNER OF THE CURRENT STATE OF  
PLAY OF PROPOSED SOFA. I HAVE ALSO SHARED WITH HIM MY BELIEF  
THAT WE SHOULD LEAVE THE INITIATIVE WITH THE GNZ, AND  
SPECIFICALLY WITH THE LAWYERS, IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO AVOID  
ANY APPEARANCE OF URGENCY OR SINISTER INTEREST. WITHING  
THOSE CONSTRAINTS, HOWEVER, I HAVE TOLD HIM I WILL BE  
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HAPPY TO ASSIST TOWARD THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF A FAVORABLE

SOFA.

4. WHILE I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS AT THE PRESENT TIME ANYTHING WHICH YOU NEED TO DO, I DID WANT YOU TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE TRAIN OF EVENTS. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WILL BE FAST MOVING, AND I CAN CERTAINLY SEE NO NEED FOR IT TO BE. I WOULD WELCOME, HOWEVER, YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER AND PARTICULARLY YOUR READING ON HOW A PROPOSED SOFA WITH NEW ZEALAND WOULD BE VIEWED IN WASHINGTON.

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OF DEFENSE. ONE OF THE TOPICS WHICH AROSE, WAS THE LACK OF

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